



Susan Wengraf  
Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR  
February 23, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Susan Wengraf, Mayor Jesse Arreguin,  
Councilmember Sophie Hahn, Councilmember Kate Harrison

Subject: Virtual Holocaust Remembrance Day Event: Relinquishment of Council Office  
Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$250 per Councilmember, including \$250 from Councilmember Wengraf, to support the City's Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program with funds relinquished to the City's general fund. The relinquishment of funds from Councilmember Wengraf's discretionary Council Office Budget and all other Councilmembers who would like to contribute allows the City of Berkeley to invite the community to the City's Virtual 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program, put together by the community with Council support. This year's program will be held on April 8, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact: up to \$250 is available from contributing Councilmember's Council Office Budget discretionary accounts.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley's Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program has been supported by the City Council since its inception in 2002. The program typically includes a candle lighting ceremony, a Holocaust Survivor's story, an artist's presentation, a grandchild's story, a student contribution and live music. The community event invites attendees to honor those who survived and perished in the Holocaust and strengthen convictions to never let the Holocaust happen again.

The 2020 program (the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual) was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are asking for Councilmember's generous support to continue the legacy of the City's Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day in 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No impact

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments: 1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Susan Wengraf has surplus funds in her office expenditure account and will contribute \$250, and invite the Mayor and other Councilmembers to join her in contributing; and

WHEREAS, a California nonprofit tax-exempt corporation, The Jewish Community Center, serves as the fiscal sponsor of the Holocaust Remembrance Day event and will receive funds in an amount up to \$250 per contributing Councilmember's discretionary account; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the municipal public purpose of providing a community program supporting Holocaust survivors, community recognition and education about the Holocaust, and unity among Berkeley residents. The grants will provide funds to produce the virtual event.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget, up to \$250 per office, shall be granted to the Jewish Community Center to fund the City of Berkeley's virtual 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program on April 8, 2021.